

Meeting Minutes
City of Sammamish Transportation Committee
Wednesday, July 20 – 9:30 am
Executive Briefing Room 111- Sammamish City Hall

Called to Order:

Committee Chair Tom Odell called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Tom Odell (Chair)
Christie Malchow
Bob Keller

Committee Members Absent: None

Other Council Members Present: None

Staff Present: Steve Leniszewski, Public Works Director
Cheryl Paston, Deputy Public Works Director
Andrew Zagars, City Engineer
Jed Ireland, Sr. Project Engineer

Others Present: Mary Wicktor, Citizen
Paul Stickney, Citizen
Dan Hanson, Citizen

Opening Comment – Chairman Odell: Slight change in order of agenda noted.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

No Comment; format changes are in process.

Sahalee Way project scope:

Jed Ireland provided a handout and visual presentation for Sahalee Way project scope. He provided the traffic counts to include the Timberline neighborhood heading northbound and Phase 1 of the project. Andrew Zagars talks about segment 22 and the combination of two projects combined to one which include NE 25th all the way to the City limits. Segment 23 will be a part of the next Phase 2. NE 25th Street to NE 37th Street are still in the plan scope to include into Phase 1.

Grant opportunities will be reviewed for NE 8th Street to the City limits. Current scope from NE 25th Street proposes to modify the signal at NE 28th Street. NE 25th Street. Question regarding whether we are over-building medians; planter strips and rain-gardens addressed: raised, mountable medians recommended, but overall widths and lengths are yet to be determined. Bus pull outs should be included where appropriate. Roundabouts not recommended within the scope of project. Jed Ireland clarifies content of exhibit. Committee recommends spaced medians and not one long continuous median. Committee members would like a coordinated strategy for traffic signals and plan for connections at SR202 with Sahalee to include the City of Redmond and WSDOT involvement in the discussions.

Issaquah-Fall City Road:

Sam Park addresses various options for signal and roundabouts throughout the project. Traffic counts and more analysis will be utilized to prepare for future questions and events around traffic at the intersection near the East Ridge Church.

Roundabouts are currently recommended by staff and consultants for the entire corridor. Future design options that work for the corridor will be reviewed. Andrew Zagars talks about what triggers the need for a traffic light at an intersection. Traffic Counts, peak hours, modeling relative to traffic on Sunday, school hours, and the entire corridor will be reviewed.

Summary of comments/concerns shared by public meeting attendees:

- Traffic in and out of the East Ridge Church on Issaquah Fall City Road
- School pedestrian cross-walk safety
- School bus maneuvering roundabouts
- Homeowner and ROW relative to projected roundabout location
- Detention Facility; pond
- Flashing pedestrian beacons requested at roundabout crosswalks
- Utilizing slip lane configurations to improve efficiency @ roundabout intersections where appropriate

Design Concepts to Improve Project:

Andrew Zagars spoke in reference to why the design plan does not recommend a traffic signal at 242nd Ave intersections. The requirements for a traffic signal, (aka: warrants) are not met. A plan to model the design as recommended on a Sunday and during peak hours to gain more study and analytical information to provide to the public on why we are proceeding with the plan to implement project as discussed. Future discussions with the school and church will help guide in the project planning. The bridge option does not fit in to the road elevation guidelines. More information on guidelines referencing the bridge option will be provided to the Committee at the September or October updates.

Other:

City polling suggested using social media to assist with gaining knowledge of traffic impacts in the community affected by the project. Future presentation with INRIX pending.

Public Comment:

Mary Wicktor addresses the traffic signal at SR202 and East Lake Sammamish Parkway. It appears not to be timed long enough; requesting more service at that light. Committee responds to questions and concerns addressed by Mary Wicktor.

Paul Stickney: request update of alternative services from King County. Future meetings with Metro are pending.

Next Meeting:

Monday, July 27th, 2016 at 9:30 am (ITS only)

Meeting Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm (noon)
